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LIGAND FOR CD28 RECEPTOR ON B CELLS AND METHODS

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SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 20-22, 26-27, 36, 47, 49, 51-57, 63-65 and 77 without prejudice to applicants right to pursue protection for the subject matter defined by these claims if applicants determine to do so in a continuation or divisional application in the future.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 as follows.

positive T cell responses] inhibiting T cell

proliferation comprising contacting CD28 positive T

cells with [the] B7 antigen [thereby regulating

functional T cell responses] so as to bind the CD28